

**Tribal Transportation Planning Organization  
November 14, 2007  
Red Lion Inn at the Park – Spokane, WA**

**SWAT Team Meeting**

TTPO website add link for TTAP (Richard Rolland) Megan responsible for updating

Attendees: Kirk Vinish, Lummi – TTPO Chair  
Jim Longley, Nisqually – TTPO Vice-Chair  
Annette Nesse, Jamestown – TTPO Secretary  
Megan Nicodemus – WSDOT Tribal Liaison  
Mike McKee – Retired WSDOT  
Michael Cardwell - Tulalip  
Kyle Kitchel – FHWA  
Brian Clark – Colville  
Dannee Pierce – Colville  
Nicole Herman – Samish  
Teddy Wallace - Puyallup

I. Tribal Transportation Topics for Paula Hammond, Secretary of Transportation

A meeting with WSDOT Transportation Secretary Paula Hammond is being coordinated by Brian Smith, WSDOT, on behalf of the TTPO Board. It was noted that Paula has attempted to support Tribal endeavors in the past but WSDOT politics have shifted. However, we agreed to encourage Paula to be straightforward with us in discussing how WSDOT will be involved with the TTPO.

The following topics are being considered as talking points when meeting with Secretary Hammond:

1. Safety Audit (evaluation) – Support what WSDOT staff has already done and encourage continued efforts.
2. New Partnerships with WSDOT such as:
  - Marketing on WSDOT website = Tribal tourism opportunities, etc.
  - Data sharing
  - Grant writing
  - Transportation planning guide
  - Consultation with Tribes
  - Build on Centennial Accord & Millennium Agreement
  - Tribal policy development re-affirmed
  - Support for Tribal liaison
  - Funds distributed through legislation

3. On-going funding of TTPO to provide staffing such as an Executive Director. Additionally, WSDOT discretionary funds could be accessed through Paula's, and other WSDOT offices.
4. Expanded annual Work Plan development
5. Discuss a "back-up" plan to include other funding sources such as FHWA, grants, Governor's Office of Indian Affairs (GOIA).

The idea of providing Secretary Hammond with a list of TTPO successes was discussed. This list could demonstrate, in a positive way, the TTPO's effectiveness for Tribes.

Because GOIA has not attended any TTPO meetings it was suggested that the TTPO explore the possibility of inviting Craig Bill to a meeting in the future.

#### I. MPO/RTPO Participation at TTPO Meetings

Because of the importance of partnerships, the group discussed the need to continue to encourage local MPO/RTPO to attend our meetings within the WSDOT region in which the meetings are held. The January 2008 meeting in Vancouver is an excellent opportunity for us to invite the local MPO/RTPO to attend. Kirk will call the MPO/RTPO directly to invite them to attend this meeting.

#### II. TTPO Work Plan – Creation, Maintenance, Follow-through

Currently we are working with an existing budget of \$15,000. To date we have supported organizing travel, attending meetings, continuing to outreach to other Tribes and organizations to expand membership and coordinate the Tribal/State meeting. One idea that was discussed was to consider establishing multiple TTPO's around the state to encourage attendance.

The following list summarizes the work plan items that the TTPO deems important to prioritize and develop costs to implement. The method employed involves assigning an FTE to the task, identifying the time involved, and determining the cost. As an example:

Hiring an Executive Director = 1FTE = 2080 hrs/year = \$XXXXX.XX

Additional topics include those from the list generated at the TTPO meeting dated October 2, 2007 as follows:

1. TTPO to Tribal consortium per SAFETEA-LU
2. Gas tax – next steps? New Tribal compacts re: funding Tribal programs
3. Funding rural transit programs from federal transit programs

4. IRR Coordinating Committee – create standing TTPO group or sub-group to track IRRCC proposals/recommendations
5. WSDOT outreach – working with Tribes re: BIA-IRR inventory
6. FHWA grant – to fund the consortium idea
7. Tribal Transit – FTA, oversight, concerns
8. Educational pamphlet – TTPO: who are we? Documentation re: TTPO mission statement and vision for lobbying and education purposes
9. Inclusion in RTP/MPO/WSDOT planning efforts
10. IRR coordination with WSDOT – Include cities & counties at TTPO meetings
11. Safety - “Target Zero” outreach – Native American Safety Advisory Board would like TTPO rep.
12. TTAP – Training needs
13. Outreach to other agencies: Assoc of WA Cities, Assoc of WA Tribes, Council of Governments, Association of Washington Counties, State and Congressional elected officials, ATNI, CTED, CERB, Association of Ports, Tribal law enforcement, IRR Coordinating Committee representatives, Federal Transit Association, FLH, EDA, US Forest Service, National Park Service, Fish & Wildlife, BLM, FEMA, Army Corp of Engineers
14. Local Governments – how to establish working relationships for planning (transit, multi-modal). What can we do to facilitate other agency projects? What can others (i.e., WSDOT) do to facilitate Tribal projects?

### III. TTPO Resolutions - Creation/Adoption/Tracking

The documentation and tracking of the all TTPO resolutions was discussed. A system for numbering all resolutions, past and future, was suggested and agreed upon. Each resolution would bear the “TTPO” name, with the year and a sequential number assignment. As an example, resolution created in the numerical list (ex ‘TTPO – 08-01) Megan to compile list & post on website.

### IV. TTPO Joint Meetings

The desire to include other groups in our TTPO meetings in order to share common issues was discussed. It was suggested that we could assign a TTPO officer or representative to attend their meetings as well. Several people volunteered to speak with various groups regarding scheduling joint meetings including:

Kyle Kitchel – County Road Administration Board (CRAB)  
 Richard Rolland – Planning Association of Washington (PAW)  
 Michael Cardwell – American Planning Association (APA)  
 Nichole Herman – Association of Washington Tribes (AWT)  
 Kirk Vinish/Jim Longley – Washington Association of Cities & Counties (WACC)

Other groups might include, ATNI, HUD-NAHASDA, TERO, etc.

- IV. Tribal Gas Tax Agreements – The use of gas tax revenues to fund Tribal planning efforts at \$50,000 per year was discussed.

- V. Permanent Funding for TTPO

This item was deleted from the agenda.

- VI. TTPO Statement of Principles

Jim Longley volunteered to take the lead in developing a “Statement of Principles”. This topic will be brought back before the group at the January 23, 2008 TTPO meeting Vancouver.

- VII. 2008 Tribal/State Transportation Conference

A brainstorming session ensued re: the TTPO’s role in the upcoming Tribal/State Transportation conference, in Leavenworth at Sleeping Lady. Since the TTPO has no budget for this event we are not in a position to “co-host” from a funding perspective. However, we could participate by getting sponsors to help fund or by sponsoring a fund-raising event such as a raffle of donated items from various Tribes. The following people volunteered to help begin to develop the sponsorship effort:

Nicole = Draft Tribal leader sponsor request letter

Brian = Draft private companies sponsor request letter (any contacts for potential sponsors should be sent to Brian).

Any ideas for the theme for 2008 Tribal/State conference can be sent to Colleen.

Kyle volunteered to outreach to Federal agencies and invite them to attend.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 am. Next meeting is the regularly schedule TTPO meeting in Vancouver on January 23, 2008.